

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 12 and add new claims 17-20. Claims 1-11, 13-30 remain in the application as follows:

1. (currently amended) A lounge chair comprising a seat section, a back section, and means connecting the seat and back sections to allow pivoting of the back section between user sitting and user reclining chair positions, said back section comprising opening means for the placement of the face of a user lying on his or her stomach while the chair is in a reclining position ~~and~~, closure means to cover the opening means when the chair is in a sitting position or when the user is lying on the chair on his or her back while the chair is in a reclining position, and lateral cutout means to allow insertion of the arms of the user while the chair is in the reclining position.

2. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 1 wherein the closure means comprises a flap connected to the back section, said flap extending away from the opening means when the opening means is uncovered and extending over the opening means when the opening means is covered.

3. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 1 further comprising pad means attached around sides of the opening means to cushion the face of the user placed in the opening means.

4. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 3 wherein the pad means are pivotally attached around sides of the opening means and are configured to allow access to the opening means when the opening means is uncovered and to extend over the opening means when the opening means is covered.

5. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 2 further comprising pad means attached around sides of the opening means to cushion the face of the user placed in the opening means.

6. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 5 wherein the pad means are pivotally attached around sides of and are configured to allow access to the opening means when the chair is in the reclining position.

7. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 1 wherein the closure means comprises pads which are pivotally attached around sides of the opening means and are configured to allow access to the opening means when the opening means is uncovered and to extend over the opening means when the opening means is covered.

8. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 2 wherein the closure means further comprises pads which are pivotally attached around sides of the opening means and are configured to allow access to the opening means when the opening means is uncovered and to extend over the opening means when the opening means is covered.

9. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 8 wherein the flap is connected to a bottom surface of the back section and covers the opening means from the bottom surface, and the pads are connected to top surfaces of the back section and cover the opening means from the top surfaces.

10. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 1 comprising a foot rest section and means connecting the foot rest section and seat section to allow pivoting of the foot rest section between user sitting and user reclining positions.

11. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 1 wherein said back section has expanded side portions to allow placement of the arms of the user.

12. (cancelled).

13. (original) A lounge chair comprising a seat section and a back section with top and bottom surfaces and means connecting the seat and back sections to allow pivoting of the back section between user sitting and user reclining chair positions, said back section comprising a through opening, a flap connected to the bottom surface of the back section, means to attach the flap to the bottom surface to cover the opening and to maintain and to attach the flap on the bottom surface to uncover the opening, pads pivotally attached around sides of the opening, said pads being configured to remain on the top surface of the back section when the opening is uncovered and pivot onto the flap when the flap covers the opening.

14. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 13 further comprising a foot rest section and means connecting the foot rest section and seat section to allow pivoting of the foot rest section between user sitting and user reclining positions.

15. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 13 wherein said back section has expanded side portions to allow placement of the arms of the user.

16. (original) The lounge chair as in claim 13 wherein said back section further comprising lateral cut-out means to allow insertion of the arms of the user while the chair is in the reclining position.

17. (new) A lounge chair comprising a seat section, a back section, and means connecting the seat and back sections to allow pivoting of the back section between user sitting and user reclining chair positions, said back section comprising opening means for the placement of the face of a user lying on his or her stomach while the chair is in a reclining position and closure means to cover the opening means when the chair is in a sitting position or when the user is lying on the chair on his or her back while the chair is in a reclining position, said closure means comprising a flap connected to the bottom surface of the back section, said flap extending

away from the opening means when the opening means is uncovered and extending over the opening means from the bottom surface when the opening means is covered, said closure means further comprising pads which are pivotally attached to top surfaces of the back section and around sides of the opening means to allow access to the opening means when the opening means is uncovered to extend over and cover the opening means from the top surfaces when the opening means is covered.

18. (new) The lounge chair as in claim 17 comprising a foot rest section and means connecting the foot rest section and seat section to allow pivoting of the foot rest section between user sitting and user reclining positions.

19. (new) The lounge chair as in claim 17 wherein said back section has expanded side portions to allow placement of the arms of the user.

20. (new) The lounge chair as in claim 17 wherein said back section further comprises lateral cut-out means to allow insertion of the arms of the user while the chair is in the reclining position.